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SUBJ: JOINT AUSTRALIAN-PNG PRESS RELEASE

1. HIGH POINTS OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S VISIT (FEB 7-11) TO PNG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. PNG'S UNIVERSALIST FOREIGN POLICY CALLED FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT THOSE WITH SOCIAL OR RACIAL POLICIES UNACCEPTABLE TO PNG. AUSTRALIAN GOVT SOUGHT TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IN REALISTIC WAY AND TO WORK WITH OTHERS IN FINDING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AS THEY AROSE. WHILE THERE WOULD BE SOME DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF FOREIGN POLICY, AUSTRALIA AND PNG WOULD COOPERATE CLOSELY ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS.

3. FRASER AND SOMARE AGREED ON IMPORTANCE TO WORLD PEACE OF MAINTENANCE OF GLOBAL BALANCE BETWEEN SUPER POWERS AND EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO PROLIFERATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY WELCOMED IMPORTANCE PLACED BY PRESIDENT CARTER ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, ESPECIALLY HIS DESIRE TO PROCEED QUICKLY TOWARDS COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY AND TO ACHIEVE FURTHER PROGRESS IN LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS. FRASER SAID AUSTRALIA INTENDED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH OTHER URANIUM PRODUCERS IN THE MOST STRINGENT APPLICATION OF EXPORT OF URANIUM AND THAT HE

HAD ALREADY WRITTEN TO US PRESIDENT ABOUT THIS.

4. SOMARE REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT FOR UN DECLARATION OF INDIAN OCEAN AS ZONE OF PEACE. FRASER SAID PENDING ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE, WITH WHICH AUSTRALIA HAS SYMPATHY, THERE SHOULD BE A BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN THE INDIAN OCEAN AT AS LOW A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE. EXPRESSED FIRM VIEW THAT IT IS NOT IN INTERESTS OF REGION THAT ANY GREAT POWER SHOULD DOMINATE INDIAN OCEAN.

5. BOTH PM'S ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF SEA FOR SECURITY OF AUSTRALIA AND PNG, AND SUPPORTED BASIC OBJECTIVE OF SEA COUNTRIES OF EXCLUDING GREAT POWER RIVALRY FROM THEIR REGION.

6. TWONJM'S AGREED THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT CALL FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS CALL FOR PRACTICAL AND VIABLE CHANGE IN ECONOMIC POLICIES AFFECTING THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, IT WOULD HAVE SUPPORT OF ALL NATIONS.

7. SEVERAL BILATERAL MATTERS WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE SENT BY POUCH.  
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